

## **MINUTES**

### **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

**City Council Chamber**

**4:00 p.m.**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Laura Benjamin, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann. Council Members absent: Kate Beaton.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, November 12, 2019:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the October 22, 2019 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Diamond Valley Crafts, LLC, d/b/a Board & Brush Creative Studio Eau Claire, 1402 S. Hastings Way, Danielle B. Strauss, agent.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Police Department to apply for a grant from the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care, Division of Public Health in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to support emergency telephonic-assisted cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2019 as Veterans Day in the City of Eau Claire and encouraging all people to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

#### **BLUGOLD REAL ESTATE**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement regarding the claim from Blugold Real Estate Foundation, Inc., and property at 222 Water Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **PROPERTY TRANSACTION**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the sale of 3155 Birch Street, Parcel 10-1161-B. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **AGREEMENT**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the renewal of the Riverview Park Lifejacket Loaner Board Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a two-year period. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Benjamin “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **TUCKER TRAIL I**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Tucker Trail I along Tucker Trail (File P-7-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Kent Homes, Inc., for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Tucker Trail I. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

The City Council considered a resolution supporting the nomination of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Bridge (High Bridge) for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution supporting the nomination of the Soo Line Railroad Bridge for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CENSUS**

The City Council considered a resolution supporting a 2020 U.S. Census Complete Count Partnership. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **VOTING WARD**

The City Council considered a resolution creating a new voting ward within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **EMPLOYMENT POLICIES**

The City Council considered a resolution amending City of Eau Claire Employment Policies. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **HOUSING TASK FORCE**

The City Council considered a resolution accepting the Chippewa Valley Regional Housing Task Force final report. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the City of Eau Claire 2020 Strategic Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Benjamin “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend” the 2020 Strategic Plan by adding to Strategic Goal No. 1, *Support economic prosperity for all with diverse, creative, economic development and inclusive housing options*, the following Objective: “Objective F. Develop innovative strategies to incentivize employers to pay living wages for all workers and promote a citywide culture of fairness, safety, and dignity for workers.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Benjamin, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Christopherson and Klinkhammer.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend” the 2020 Strategic Plan by adding to Strategic Goal No. 2, *Provide safe, functional and accessible infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable*, the following Objective: “Objective F. Reduce reliance on automobile transportation.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Benjamin, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Christopherson and Klinkhammer.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend” the 2020 Strategic Plan by adding to Strategic Goal No. 1, *Support economic prosperity for all with diverse, creative, economic development and inclusive housing options*, the following Objective: “Objective G. Develop, understand, and refine the City’s commitment to approaches to addressing and reducing poverty.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Benjamin, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Christopherson and Klinkhammer.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended 2020 Strategic Plan. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **SCHEDULE OF FEES & LICENSES**

The City Council considered a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2020. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ZONING**

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a property located at 2408 Vine Street from R-1 to C-3P and adopting the general development plan for office use (Z-1656-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Anderson left the Council Chamber.

### **ANNEXATION**

The Council considered an ordinance in accordance with Section 66.0217 Wisconsin Statutes, annexing to the City of Eau Claire and particularly to the 10th Assessment Ward, 1<sup>st</sup> Aldermanic District, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10-27-9 West, Town of Seymour, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 19-4A (Holland Petition). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Benjamin, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Absent: Council Member Anderson.

## **ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS**

The Council considered a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Benjamin, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Absent: Council Member Anderson.

Council Member Anderson returned to the Council Chamber.

## **PAY PLAN & PRACTICES**

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Pay Plan and Practices. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & LEAVES**

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **PARKING**

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Parking Prohibited.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Benjamin, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Nay: Council Member Werthmann.

## **SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGE**

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 15.04 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Sewerage Service Charge” to increase the sewer user charges as proposed in the 2020 Operating Budget. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ZONING**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning a property located at 2127 Necessity Street from C-1A to R-2 (Z-1657-19).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 3301 and 3155 Birch Street from C-1AP & I-2 to C3-MX & P (Z-1658-19).

### **PEOPLE-FIRST LANGUAGE**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to utilize people-first language in official City of Eau Claire oral and written communications, documents, and publications.

### **ADOPTION OF 2020 CITY BUDGET**

#### **2020 BUDGET ADOPTION**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed General Fund budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Benjamin “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed City - County Health Department budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the following proposed budgets for various agencies and utilities of the City of Eau Claire for Fiscal Year 2020:

- a. Economic Development
- b. Community Enhancement
- c. Downtown Fund
- d. Cemetery Maintenance
- e. Hazardous Materials Response
- f. Landfill Remediation
- g. K-9 Fund
- h. Debt Service - General Fund
- i. TID #5 (Gateway Northwest Business Park)
- j. TID #7 (Soo Line Development Area)
- k. TID #8 (Downtown Development Area)
- l. TID #9 (Gateway Northwest Business Park Overlay)
- m. TID #10 (Confluence Project)
- n. TID #11 (Downtown)
- o. TID # 12 (Water Street)

- p. TID #13 (Cannery)
- q. Water Utility
- r. Sewer Utility
- s. Storm Water Utility
- t. Parking Fund
- u. Public Transit
- v. Hobbs Municipal Ice Center
- w. Fairfax Municipal Pool
- x. Risk Management
- y. Central Equipment
- z. Redevelopment Authority

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The City Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2019 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The City Council considered a resolution appropriating the 2020 capital projects identified in the 2020 - 2024 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND OFFICIAL INTENT**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and authorizing an officer to declare official intent for federal income tax purposes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2020 budgets for the Business Improvement Districts within the City of Eau Claire and authorization to levy special assessments:

- South Barstow Business Improvement District
- West Grand Avenue Business Improvement District
- Water Street Business Improvement District
- N. Barstow/Medical Business Improvement District

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **WATER UTILITY RATE**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: November 12, 2019

Time: 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld  
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl  
City Clerk